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This newsletter publishes information on the Library for faculty, administrators, professionals and researchers at Concordia University. We welcome your questions or comments. Direct them to the LIBRARY LETTER, Orientation Office, N. 429-10, or phone local 4523.

From The Director of Libraries

JOGGING ALONG MIGHTILY, BUT NOT GETTING THERE, YET!

The Library should consider joining the 1984 Olympics as its staff, both technical and service, continue to jog along valiantly: we order books fast, we unpack them faster, we computer-catalogue them at speed of light, we file hundreds of thousands of cards with deft fingers and, finally, we shelve the dear monsters in Norris and Hall, Vanier and Drummond. Even then our local athletes get pushed by mountains of books against the walls of the Shuchat Building; even the Playboy Club had to go!

The book budget (Loyola and SGW) has increased by 50% in the last two years and because of various circumstances, the real amount to be spent in the current year is practically double that of last year. Unfaithful to bureaucratic tradition, the technical staff of the library has not grown in proportion to the work load. "C'est pourquoi votre fille est muette," dirait Molière. But your Library is not deaf to nice, and occasionally nasty, claims and criticisms about lateness and other failures in processing your requests.

Of course, the Library people wish to remain the unheralded heroes of the book world. Nonetheless, at times, our ego and our psyche would benefit from a little of that profound understanding academics are prone to manifest towards lost causes!

Paul-Emile Filion

Acquisitions

ADDITIONS TO THE LAYTON COLLECTION

After much effort, we have finally acquired Layton's Here and Now (1945), Now is the Place (1948) and Music on a Kazoo (1956), thus completing our collection of his books. Further information on these new acquisitions and on the Layton Collection in general, can be obtained by contacting Joy Bennett (-4522) in the Norris Library.

MULTI-MEDIA IN THE NON-PRINT ROOM (NORRIS LIBRARY)

- GHETTO - A Simulation Game: in which the players cope with life in an inner-city environment.
- Canada's Visual History: a multi-media kit from the National Film Board, which includes booklets and slides describing Canada's pioneer history.
- Cityscapes: multi-media kit on city patterns, city moods, city life.
- The Shaping of Western Society - An Inquiry Approach: A kit which aims to actively involve students in the history of Western society.

FILM AND NON-PRINT LIBRARY (VANIER LIBRARY, LOYOLA)

- Some call it software: A newly acquired film on computer programming and traffic control. Brought to you by the I.B.M. World Trade Corporation.
- Films leased for the 1977 academic year

  The Vanier Film and Non-Print Library has leased a number of films, for the use of the Concordia Community. A printed list of these films is available on location, or may be requested by phoning 482-0320, local 365.

THE ONTARIO ECONOMIC COUNCIL has issued a variety of publications on timely subjects such as "National Independence" in the series, Issues and Alternatives, and "Protection and Use of Natural Resources in Ontario", part of the series, The Evolution of Policy in Contemporary Ontario. Located in the Government Publications and Microforms Room, Norris Library.

LOOKING FOR A FRENCH GLOSSARY OF BANKING AND MONEY TERMS? INTERESTED IN A STUDY ON FUNCTIONAL BILINGUALISM?

The publications of La Régie de la Langue Française du Québec can offer you these and many other lexicons, glossaries, vocabularies, and studies on the french language in Quebec. They are available in the Norris Library's Government Publications and Microforms Room and in the Science and Engineering Library.

La Régie also provides general information in Montreal at 873-6571. Its publications are for sale at the bookstore of the Editeur Officiel du Québec on Ste. Catherine Street.

Announcements

FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

The finishing touches have just been applied to four new study rooms in the Hall Building, equipped for handicapped students. Those who would like to book a room should phone the circulation desk in the Science and Engineering Library, at 879-4183.

LOAN POLICY CHANGE FOR DIPLOMA STUDENTS

As of February 7, graduate loan privileges (one month) have been extended to Diploma students enrolled in the Graduate Studies Program. Please note that this applies solely to privileges in Concordia Libraries and has no effect on borrowing from institutions other than Concordia. Faculty are requested to kindly inform those among their students who may be affected by this policy change.

DR. MORGAN'S GIFT

Sharon Segall, Reference-Selection Librarian for Geology in the Science and Engineering Library, reports that the library has been sorting through the multitude of reports on the geology of Quebec and the Maritimes, donated to this university by Dr. Henry Morgan. The library has been selecting material necessary to fill gaps in its geology collection, after which the majority of material donated will be deposited in the Geology Department at Sir George.

ON DISPLAY - MASONIC COLLECTION

A collection of material on the history and rituals of the Secret Fraternal Order of Free and Accepted Masons is now on display in the Vanier Library. The collection was donated to the Library by Father Walter Hannah, a Jesuit priest at Loyola College. His intention was to make research materials available to those with a genuine interest in the Society, in the hope of dispelling some of the myths that have been associated with Freemasonry.

When not on display in the Vanier Library's lobby, the Masonic Collection is housed in that library's Special Collections Room. For further information, phone Nora Robins, 879-8161.

COOKIE CRUMBS AND BROKEN BALLOONS IN THE NORRIS LIBRARY

The staff of the Norris Library's Non-Print Room spent the afternoon of February 4th cleaning up the debris from a morning spent with about 15 children from the SGW Day Care Centre. Stories were read, filmstrips shown, and a puppet show was staged - all using material taken from the Non-Print's collection of multi-media materials for Early Childhood Education.

The purpose of this encounter was to put the collection "to the test", as well as to further Non-Print's contact with those in the University who work with children. Naturally, the collection is available to all Concordia users, particularly those whose "work" with children extends beyond the normal 35 hour week. Phone 879-8182 for information.

New Library Publications

- LIBRARY OWNER'S MANUAL: An unusual library handbook which serves both as a guide to coping with "library bureaucracy" and as a source of information on the resources and services which Concordia Libraries offer their users. Copies are available in all libraries and at the Hall Building Information Desk. Multiple copies can be obtained by contacting the Orientation Office (879-4523).

- ACCOUNTING A-V MATERIAL IN NON-PRINT: Prepared for the SGW Non-Print Area. Phone 879-8182 for copies.

- ART RELATED MATERIALS IN THE NON-PRINT COLLECTION: Of interest to art historians, as well as crafts people and those involved in art education. Phone 879-8182 for copies.

- BUILDING ENGINEERING - SELECTED REFERENCE SOURCES: Prepared for the Science and Engineering Library, SGW Campus. Phone 879-7338 or 879-4186 for copies.

- EARLY MUSIC AND POETRY IN THE NON-PRINT COLLECTION: Lists recordings in the Norris Library, as well as books and scores located in the Vanier Library. Phone 879-8182 for copies.

- A GUIDE TO CONCORDIA RESOURCES FOR THE M.T.B. PROGRAMME: OR "WHERE DID YOU SAY I SHOULD LOOK? Contact the Science and Engineering Library (879-7338) or the Orientation Office (879-4523) for copies.

- VANIER LIBRARY - FLOOR PLAN: Available on location, or phone 482-0320, local 411.